

**ST. GEORGE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 12, 2015, 4:00 P.M.  
ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM**

**PRESENT:**

**Mayor Jon Pike  
Councilmember Gil Almquist  
Councilmember Jimmie Hughes  
Councilmember Michele Randall  
Councilmember Joe Bowcutt  
Councilmember Bette Arial  
City Manager Gary Esplin  
City Attorney Shawn Guzman  
City Recorder Christina Fernandez**

**OPENING:**

Mayor Pike called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Councilmember Almquist and the invocation was offered by Reverend Jimi Kestin.

Mayor Pike mentioned the Veteran's Day events that took place as well as events that are taking place this weekend.

**CANVASS OF THE 2015 MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION VOTES:**

Melanie Abplanalp, Washington County Election Clerk, explained the reports included in the packet that she provided. She then presented the final election results, as follows:

Total Votes Percentage:

Jimmie B. Hughes	4,022	21.16%
Bette. O. Arial	3,867	20.35%
Ed Baca	3,124	16.44%
Gregg McArthur	2,972	15.64%
Brian Thiriot	2,566	13.50%
N. Craig Hammer	2,453	12.91%

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Councilmember Almquist to accept the 2015 General Election results as presented by Melanie Abplanalp.

**SECOND:** The motion was seconded by Councilmember Randall.

**VOTE:** Mayor Pike called for a vote, as follows:

Councilmember Almquist – aye  
Councilmember Hughes – aye  
Councilmember Randall – aye  
Councilmember Bowcutt – aye  
Councilmember Arial – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Mayor Pike asked Councilmember Almquist to conduct the remainder of the meeting since he had to leave.

**ADDENDUM TO THE CONTRACT FOR THE ALL ABILITIES PARK:**

**Consider approval of an addendum to the contract with Bud Mahas for the All Abilities Park.**

City Manager Gary Esplin stated that Bud Mahas is the contract manager for the All Abilities Park. Under the contract, there are various projects. The amount of the contract needs to increase in order to cover those contracts.

Leisure Services Director Kent Perkins explained when the contract was originally presented to the Council it was for 7% of the \$2.1 million; however, it did not include language for Bud Mahas to pay their sub-contractors. This addendum adds language authorizing Bud Mahas to do so.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Councilmember Hughes.  
**SECOND:** The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bowcutt.  
**VOTE:** Mayor Pro Tem Almquist called for a vote, as follows:

Councilmember Almquist – did not vote  
Councilmember Hughes – aye  
Councilmember Randall – aye  
Councilmember Bowcutt – aye  
Councilmember Arial – aye

The motion carried.

**LAND & WATER CONSERVATION GRANT:**

**Consider approval of the Land & Water Conservation Grant for Millcreek Park.**

City Manager Gary Esplin explained staff has requested a Land & Water Conservation Grant to assist with the costs of Millcreek Park. He advised there are stipulations and requirements anytime federal grants are involved.

Leisure Services Director Kent Perkins stated that the park is designed and ready to bid; however, staff is waiting for federal reviews. He explained that the City will receive \$100,000 through the grant; the total cost of the park is \$889,000.

City Manager Gary Esplin stated that the Davis Bacon Act will have to be adhered to. Construction will be paid for out of park impact funds.

Deputy City Attorney Paula Houston added that because this is a federal program, it can only be used for a park.

City Attorney Shawn Guzman advised the property description is incorrect, it will be corrected.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Councilmember Arial to approve the Land & Water Grant for Millcreek Park.

**SECOND:** The motion was seconded by Councilmember Randall.  
**VOTE:** Mayor Pro Tem Almquist called for a vote, as follows:

Councilmember Almquist – did not vote  
Councilmember Hughes – aye  
Councilmember Randall – aye  
Councilmember Bowcutt – aye  
Councilmember Arial – aye

The motion carried.

**REPORTS FROM MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS AND CITY MANAGER:**

Councilmember Hughes stated that he missed most of his meetings as he was in Japan. Just before tonight's meeting, Police Chief Stratton handed him a copy of some pamphlets the Animal Shelter staff made to help citizens with barking dog resolutions and animal adoptions. The Animal Shelter staff is working well with the rescue groups and are promoting owner responsibility.

Police Chief Stratton added that staff will hand out the pamphlets at the shelter and when they respond to calls.

Councilmember Bowcutt reported that the recent Planning Commission meeting was lengthy.

Councilmember Arial reported that Art Around the Corner hired a part time employee to contact the artists.

Mayor Pro Tem Almquist mentioned a special meeting of the Flood Control Board coming up soon to discuss preparing for El Nino.

City Manager Gary Esplin stated that the deadline for making comments regarding the BLM's Resource Management Plan is Monday. He will have the letter ready for signatures tomorrow.

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Councilmember Hughes to adjourn to a closed session to discuss a possible property sale and purchase.

**SECOND:** The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bowcutt.

**VOTE:** Mayor Pro Tem Almquist called for a roll call vote, as follows:

Councilmember Almquist – did not vote  
Councilmember Hughes – aye  
Councilmember Randall – aye  
Councilmember Bowcutt – aye  
Councilmember Arial – aye

The motion carried.

Mayor Pike returned during the closed session.

**ADJOURN:**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Councilmember Bowcutt to adjourn.

**SECOND:** The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hughes.

**VOTE:** Mayor Pike called for a vote, as follows:

Councilmember Almquist – aye

Councilmember Hughes – aye

Councilmember Randall - aye

Councilmember Bowcutt – aye

Councilmember Arial – aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

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Christina Fernandez, City Recorder